

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 19, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Marci Glover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Shane Cockrum, Jay Copple and Mitch Bennett.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative; Visitors: Kiley Docherty, Amy Kolodziej, Toni Sinks, Lucas Roberts, Aaron Lewis, Brandi Kay, Kirk Kay, Kyle Bacon, Emma Bacon, Camdyn Hill, Lester Hill, Carrie Fuson, Adam Thomas, Nichole Rechsteiner, Olivia Drew, Christen Drew and Char Mumbower.

4. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Toni Sinks spoke in support of a BCHS faculty member. Ms. Sink also shared her disappointment of the board during this process.

Kiley Docherty and Kyle Bacon each commended the board for their efforts during this difficult time.

Aaron Lewis had questions regarding BCHS coaching opportunities.

5. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Collective Bargaining

5.3 Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, Collective Bargaining and Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:45 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 7:10 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes and Mark Minor – yes.

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2024
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, October 17, 2024

6.2 Approve Financial Report (October 2024)

6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (October 2024)

6.4 Approve Madrigals Set Crew on Sunday, November 24, 2024, 2:00-5:00 PM and
Rehearsal on Sunday, December 1, 2024 2:00-5:00 PM

6.5 Approve Student Council Fundraiser/Event on Sunday, February 16, 2025, 7:00-11:00
PM

6.6 Approve MOU to add Coaching Positions

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception to table the MOU to add coaching positions. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Varsity girl's locker room completion.
- RHG sound system upgrade is complete.
- BCHS school publication interviews are complete and still hoping for the first release to be January 2025.
- Franklin-Jefferson Special Education assessment increase.
- BCHS received "commendable" on the 2024 Annual Summative Designation.
- Potential interest in starting the foundation again by BCHS alumni.

Mrs. Sloan asked Mr. Docherty when the majority of the tardiness occurred.

Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller both provided a written report.

Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to staff and board members emails.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the following as volunteer assistants for the 2024-25 SY: Macy Sanchez – Speech, Lisa Moore – Pom Pon, Kevin Tate – Wrestling, Ashley Chaffin – Wrestling, and Hunter Roberts – Wrestling. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Hunter Rechsteiner as the Assistant Speech Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Andy Sloan as the Head Girls Track Coach for the 2024-25 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – abstain, and Marci Glover – yes.

Jay Copple made a motion to accept the resignation from Tim McDaniel as Musical-Chorus Director effective 10/31/24. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the posting of the Musical-Chorus Stipend position for the 2024-25 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Accept Annual Financial Report Jay Copple made a motion to accept the FY24 Annual Financial Report as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Set/Approve Tax Hearing Date and Adopt Tentative Levies Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Resolution Adopting Proposed Aggregate Tax Levy for the Year 2024 and set the hearing for December 19, 2024 at 5:15 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.5 Review/Approve School Maintenance Project Grant Application Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the school maintenance project grant as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

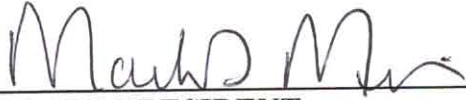
10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Shane Cockrum asked the board to consider new display boards for the RHG, East Gym and Tabor Field. Mr. Cockrum also asked the board to start considering the idea of a multi-purpose building for athletics.

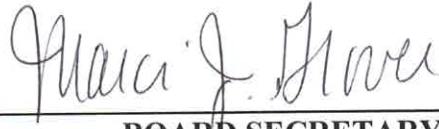
Stacia Sloan commended Mrs. Hagerman for her dedication and work with the sign language class.

Marci Glover commented on the girl's locker room renovation, stating they looked wonderful and shared the girls have been tasked with keeping up its new conditions.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 P.M. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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BOARD PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Marcia J. Howe", written over a horizontal line.

BOARD SECRETARY